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Summary

The BOREAS AFM-6 team from the NOAA/ETL collected surface meteorological data from 21-May to 20-Sep-1994 near the SSA-OJP tower site. The data are in tabular ASCII files.

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1. Data Set Overview

1.1 Data Set Identification

BOREAS AFM-06 Surface Meteorological Data

1.2 Data Set Introduction

This data set includes surface meteorological data from a station set up by BOREal Ecosystem-Atmospheric Study (BOREAS) Airborne Fluxes and Meteorology (AFM)-06 team from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/Environment Technology Laboratory (ETL). Included in this data are date, time, wind direction, wind speed, relative humidity, and precipitation. The data were collected near the Southern Study Area (SSA)-Old Jack Pine (OJP) tower site from May to September in 1994.

1.3 Objective/Purpose

The BOREAS field work objectives were to measure surface meteorological conditions and continuous hourly profiles of wind velocity and temperature in the atmospheric boundary layer (ABL) and lower troposphere, to measure the depth of the daytime convective boundary layer, and to measure the occurrence of precipitation. The data were then to be used to document average boundary layer structure, and especially changes in boundary layer structure during the course of the boreal summer growing season.

1.4 Summary of Parameters

Included in this data are date, time, wind direction, wind speed, relative humidity, and precipitation.

1.5 Discussion

The surface meteorological station provided continuous measurement of wind speed and direction at a height of 2 m, and temperature and relative humidity at a height of 3 m. The data were recorded every 15 minutes.

1.6 Related Data Sets

BOREAS AFM-06 Mean Wind Profile Data

BOREAS AFM-06 Mean Temperature Profile Data

BOREAS AFM-06 Boundary Layer Height Data

2. Investigator(s)

2.1 Investigator(s) Name and Title

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2.2 Title of Investigation

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3. Theory of Measurements

None given.

4. Equipment

4.1 Sensor/Instrument Description

None given.

4.1.1 Collection Environment

The surface meteorological station was used during various ambient weather conditions that occurred at the BOREAS SSA-OJP site.

4.1.2 Source/Platform

Ground-based.

4.1.3 Source/Platform Mission Objectives

The ground supported the measuring equipment.

4.1.4 Key Variables

Included in this data are date, time, wind direction, wind speed, relative humidity, and precipitation.

4.1.5 Principles of Operation

None given.

4.1.6 Sensor/Instrument Measurement Geometry

None given.

4.1.7 Manufacturer of Sensor/Instrument

None given.

4.2 Calibration

4.2.1 Specifications

None given.

4.2.1.1 Tolerance

None given.

4.2.2 Frequency of Calibration

None given.

4.2.3 Other Calibration Information

None given.

5. Data Acquisition Methods

None given

6. Observations

6.1 Data Notes

The surface meteorological station operated unattended for most of the 4-month observation period.

6.2 Field Notes

The surface meteorological measurements were taken near the SSA-OJP tower flux site. The radar site was in a clearing in the jack pine forest, with fetches (clear distances) of 200 m to the north, 500 m to the south, 150 m to the east, and 1 km to the west. Ground cover within the clearing consisted of grass, brush, and young jack pine trees, approximately 1-2 m tall.

7. Data Description

7.1 Spatial Characteristics

7.1.1 Spatial Coverage

The North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) coordinates of the site are:

Lat. = 53.91 °N
Long. = 104.40 °W
Alt. = 511 m above sea level

This location is 1.0 km south, and 1.6 km east of the SSA-OJP flux tower.

7.1.2 Spatial Coverage Map

Not available.

7.1.3 Spatial Resolution

These are point source data at the given location.

7.1.4 Projection

Not applicable.

7.1.5 Grid Description

Not applicable.

7.2 Temporal Characteristics

7.2.1 Temporal Coverage

Measurements were made from 21-May-1994 through 20-Sep-1994.

7.2.2 Temporal Coverage Map

Not available.

7.2.3 Temporal Resolution

Measurements were made every 15 minutes during the period.

7.3 Data Characteristics

7.3.1 Parameter/Variable

The parameters contained in the data files on the CD-ROM are:

Column Name
SITE_NAME
SUB_SITE
DATE_OBS
TIME_OBS
AIR_TEMP
WIND_DIR
WIND_SPEED
REL_HUM
PRECIPITATION
VOLTAGE
CRTFCN_CODE
REVISION_DATE

7.3.2 Variable Description/Definition

The descriptions of the parameters contained in the data files on the CD-ROM are:

Column Name	Description
SITE_NAME	The identifier assigned to the site by BOREAS, in the format SSS-TTT-CCCCC, where SSS identifies the portion of the study area: NSA, SSA, REG, TRN, and TTT identifies the cover type for the site, 999 if unknown, and CCCCC is the identifier for site, exactly what it means will vary with site type.
SUB_SITE	The identifier assigned to the sub-site by BOREAS in the format GGGGG-IIIII, where GGGGG is the group associated with the sub-site instrument, e.g. HYD06 or STAFF, and IIIII is the identifier for sub-site, often this will refer to an instrument.
DATE_OBS	The date on which the data were collected.
TIME_OBS	The Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) when the data were collected.
AIR_TEMP	The air temperature.
WIND_DIR	The direction from which the wind was traveling, increasing in a clockwise direction from north.
WIND_SPEED	The wind speed.
REL_HUM	The calculated relative humidity.
PRECIPITATION	The amount of precipitation measured by the rain gauge for the 15 minute period preceding the given time.
VOLTAGE	The measured battery voltage.
CRTFCN_CODE	The BOREAS certification level of the data. Examples CPI (Checked by PI), CGR (Certified by Group), PRE (Preliminary), and CPI-??? (CPI but questionable).
REVISION_DATE	The most recent date when the information in the referenced data base table record was revised.

7.3.3 Unit of Measurement

The measurement units for the parameters contained in the data files on the CD-ROM are:

Column Name	Units
SITE_NAME	[none]
SUB_SITE	[none]
DATE_OBS	[DD-MON-YY]
TIME_OBS	[HHMM GMT]
AIR_TEMP	[degrees Celsius]
WIND_DIR	[degrees]
WIND_SPEED	[meters][second ⁻¹]
REL_HUM	[percent]
PRECIPITATION	[millimeters]
VOLTAGE	[volts]
CRTFCN_CODE	[none]
REVISION_DATE	[DD-MON-YY]

7.3.4 Data Source

The sources of the parameter values contained in the data files on the CD-ROM are:

Column Name	Data Source
SITE_NAME	[Assigned by BORIS]
SUB_SITE	[Assigned by BORIS]
DATE_OBS	[Supplied by NOAA/ETL]
TIME_OBS	[Supplied by NOAA/ETL]
AIR_TEMP	[Supplied by NOAA/ETL]
WIND_DIR	[Supplied by NOAA/ETL]
WIND_SPEED	[Supplied by NOAA/ETL]
REL_HUM	[Supplied by NOAA/ETL]
PRECIPITATION	[Supplied by NOAA/ETL]
VOLTAGE	[Supplied by NOAA/ETL]
CRTFCN_CODE	[Assigned by BORIS]
REVISION_DATE	[Assigned by BORIS]

7.3.5 Data Range

The following table gives information about the parameter values found in the data files on the CD-ROM.

Column Name	Minimum Data Value	Maximum Data Value	Missng Data Value	Unrel Data Value	Below Detect Limit	Data Not Clctd
SITE_NAME	SSA-OJP-RDR01	SSA-OJP-RDR01	None	None	None	None
SUB_SITE	AFM06-RDR01	AFM06-RDR01	None	None	None	None
DATE_OBS	20-MAY-94	21-SEP-94	None	None	None	None
TIME_OBS	0	2345	None	None	None	None
AIR_TEMP	-1.61	31.28	None	None	None	None
WIND_DIR	0	360	None	None	None	None
WIND_SPEED	0	7.2	None	None	None	None
REL_HUM	11.56	102.96	None	None	None	None
PRECIPITATION	0	23.114	None	None	None	None
VOLTAGE	12.42	14.38	None	None	None	None

CRTFCN_CODE	CPI	CPI	None	None	None	None
REVISION_DATE	22-AUG-96	22-AUG-96	None	None	None	None

Minimum Data Value -- The minimum value found in the column.

Maximum Data Value -- The maximum value found in the column.

Missng Data Value -- The value that indicates missing data. This is used to indicate that an attempt was made to determine the parameter value, but the attempt was unsuccessful.

Unrel Data Value -- The value that indicates unreliable data. This is used to indicate an attempt was made to determine the parameter value, but the value was deemed to be unreliable by the analysis personnel.

Below Detect Limit -- The value that indicates parameter values below the instruments detection limits. This is used to indicate that an attempt was made to determine the parameter value, but the analysis personnel determined that the parameter value was below the detection limit of the instrumentation.

Data Not Cllctd -- This value indicates that no attempt was made to determine the parameter value. This usually indicates that BORIS combined several similar but not identical data sets into the same data base table but this particular science team did not measure that parameter.

Blank -- Indicates that blank spaces are used to denote that type of value.

N/A -- Indicates that the value is not applicable to the respective column.

None -- Indicates that no values of that sort were found in the column.

7.4 Sample Data Record

The following are wrapped versions of data records from a sample data file on the CD-ROM.

```
SITE_NAME,SUB_SITE,DATE_OBS,TIME_OBS,AIR_TEMP,WIND_DIR,WIND_SPEED,REL_HUM,
PRECIPITATION,VOLTAGE,CRTFCN_CODE,REVISION_DATE
'SSA-OJP-RDR01','AFM06-RDR01',26-JUL-94,0,24.68,64,2.4,15.926,0.0,13.64,'CPI',
22-AUG-96
'SSA-OJP-RDR01','AFM06-RDR01',26-JUL-94,15,24.52,58,1.9,16.066,0.0,13.65,'CPI',
22-AUG-96
'SSA-OJP-RDR01','AFM06-RDR01',26-JUL-94,30,24.51,34,2.0,16.479,0.0,13.65,'CPI',
22-AUG-96
'SSA-OJP-RDR01','AFM06-RDR01',26-JUL-94,45,24.27,49,1.9,16.62,0.0,13.66,'CPI',
22-AUG-96
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8. Data Organization

8.1 Data Granularity

The smallest unit of data tracked by the BOREAS Information System (BORIS) was the data collected at a given site on a given date.

8.2 Data Format(s)

The Compact Disk-Read-Only Memory (CD-ROM) files contain American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) numerical and character fields of varying length separated by commas. The character fields are enclosed with single apostrophe marks. There are no spaces between the fields.

Each data file on the CD-ROM has four header lines of Hyper-Text Markup Language (HTML) code at the top. When viewed with a Web browser, this code displays header information (data set title, location, date, acknowledgments, etc.) and a series of HTML links to associated data files and related data sets. Line 5 of each data file is a list of the column names, and line 6 and following lines contain the actual data.

9. Data Manipulations

9.1 Formulae

9.1.1 Derivation Techniques and Algorithms

None given.

9.2 Data Processing Sequence

9.2.1 Processing Steps

None given.

9.2.2 Processing Changes

None given.

9.3 Calculations

9.3.1 Special Corrections/Adjustments

None given.

9.3.2 Calculated Variables

None given.

9.4 Graphs and Plots

None given.

10. Errors

10.1 Sources of Error

None given.

10.2 Quality Assessment

10.2.1 Data Validation by Source

None given.

10.2.2 Confidence Level/Accuracy Judgment

None given.

10.2.3 Measurement Error for Parameters

None given.

10.2.4 Additional Quality Assessments

None given.

10.2.5 Data Verification by Data Center

BORIS personnel verified that the delivered data agreed with the information provided by the AFM-06 team.

11. Notes

11.1 Limitations of the Data

None given.

11.2 Known Problems with the Data

None given.

11.3 Usage Guidance

None given.

11.4 Other Relevant Information

None given.

12. Application of the Data Set

These data could be used in conjunction with other surface meteorological data to get an areal perspective of surface meteorological conditions over the SSA.

13. Future Modifications and Plans

None given.

14. Software

14.1 Software Description

None given.

14.2 Software Access

None given.

15. Data Access

The surface meteorological data are available from the Earth Observing System Data and Information System (EOSDIS) Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC).

15.1 Contact Information

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15.2 Data Center Identification

Earth Observing System Data and Information System (EOSDIS) Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC) for Biogeochemical Dynamics
<http://www-eosdis.ornl.gov/> [Internet Link].

15.3 Procedures for Obtaining Data

Users may obtain data directly through the ORNL DAAC online search and order system [<http://www-eosdis.ornl.gov/>] and the anonymous FTP site [<ftp://www-eosdis.ornl.gov/data/>] or by contacting User Services by electronic mail, telephone, fax, letter, or personal visit using the contact information in Section 15.1.

15.4 Data Center Status/Plans

The ORNL DAAC is the primary source for BOREAS field measurement, image, GIS, and hardcopy data products. The BOREAS CD-ROM and data referenced or listed in inventories on the CD-ROM are available from the ORNL DAAC.

16. Output Products and Availability

16.1 Tape Products

None.

16.2 Film Products

None.

16.3 Other Products

These data are available on the BOREAS CD-ROM series.

17. References

17.1 Platform/Sensor/Instrument/Data Processing Documentation

None given.

17.2 Journal Articles and Study Reports

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17.3 Archive/DBMS Usage Documentation

None.

18. Glossary of Terms

None.

19. List of Acronyms

ABL	- Atmospheric Boundary Layer
AFM	- Airborne Fluxes and Meteorology
ASCII	- American Standard Code for Information Interchange
BOREAS	- BOREal Ecosystem-Atmosphere Study
BORIS	- BOREAS Information System
CD-ROM	- Compact Disk - Read-Only Memory
DAAC	- Distributed Active Archive Center

EOS - Earth Observing System
 EOSDIS - EOS Data and Information System
 ETL - Environment Technology Laboratory
 GIS - Geographic Information System
 GMT - Greenwich Mean Time
 GSFC - Goddard Space Flight Center
 HTML - HyperText Markup Language
 NAD83 - North American Datum of 1983
 NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 NSA - Northern Study Area
 OJP - Old Jack Pine
 ORNL - Oak Ridge National Laboratory
 PANP - Prince Albert National Park
 RASS - Radio Acoustic Sounding System
 SSA - Southern Study Area
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